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**inextinguishable** (in-'tēk-'sting-'gwī-'shā-'bəl) *adj.* Difficult or impossible to extinguish: *an inextinguishable flame; an inextinguishable fire.*

**inextinguishably** *adv.*

**inextricable** (in-'tēk-'stūr-'pā-'bəl) *adj.* Difficult or impossible to disentangle: *an inextricable maze; an inextricable problem.*

**inextricably** *adv.* 1. At the point of death. 2. In such a way that it is impossible to escape from it. [Latin *inextricabilis*: *in*, in + *extricabilis*, abstruse.]

**infallible** (in-'fāl-'lī-'bəl) *adj.* 1a. So certain as to make escape impossible: *an infallible rule.* 1b. Difficult or impossible to disentangle or solve: *an infallible problem.* 2. Unavoidable; inescapable: *bound together by fate.* —*infallibility* *n.* —*infallibly* *adv.*

**infallible** (in-'fāl-'lī-'bəl) *adj.* 1. Having an exceedingly bad reputation: *an infamous man.* 2. Causing or deserving infamy; heinous: *an infamous crime.* 3. Caused by severe measures, such as death, long imprisonment, or civil rights. 4. Convicted of a crime, such as treason, and given such a punishment. [Middle English *infamous*, from Latin *infamis*: *in-*, not; see *IN-* + *fama*, renown, fame; see *bhā-* in Appendix I.] —*infamously* *adv.* —*infamousness* *n.*

**infamous** (in-'fā-'mə-s) *n.* 1. Evil fame or reputation. 2. The state of being infamous. 3. An evil or criminal act that is publicly dishonored: *an infamous act.* 4. Dishonor, from Old French, from Latin *infamia*, infamous. See *INFAMOUS*.

**infancy** (in-'fā-'n-sē) *n.* 1. The earliest period of childhood, the ability to walk has been acquired. 2. The state of being a child. 3. As early stage of existence: *Space exploration is still in its infancy.*

**infant** (in-'fā-'n-t) *n.* 1. A child in the earliest period of life, especially before the ability to walk. 2. Law A person under the legal age of majority. 3. Newly begun or formed: *an infant enterprise.* [Middle English *infant*, from Latin *infans*, *infant-*, from *in-*, not; see *IN-* + *fans*, present participle of *ferre*, to bring; see *bhā-* in Appendix I.]

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**infarction** (in-'fā-'r-'k-'shən) *n.* 1. The formation or development of an infarct. 2. An infarct.

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